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DR. DAVID NAGLEE HONORED AT LAGRANGE COLLEGE

Dr. David I. Naglee, professor of religion at LaGrange College, was awarded the "Grayson M. Bradley Award" in recognition of outstanding work with students, faculty and administration. Being the first recipient, Dr. Naglee was elected to receive the award by the college faculty.

Dr. Naglee was also appointed the first "Glenn Candler Professor" at LaGrange College.

He is senior minister of preaching at the United Congregational Christian Church of LaGrange. He also conducts "Forward With Christ," a weekly radio program in LaGrange. He recently had published the book, "The Hauls of Holy Ivy."

In addition to the Bradley award, Dr. Naglee has numerous other awards and honors. The 1973 College yearbook was dedicated to him; he is listed in "Who's Who in America" (1974); "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" (1974); "Library of Human Resources" (1974); "Directory of American Scholars" (1973); "International Scholars' Directory" (1973); "Dictionary of International Biography" (1974); "Men of Achievement" Cambridge, England (1974-75), and "Contemporary Authors" (1975).

What Are Various Levels Of Care At Uplands?

A person may life-lease land and build his own house, paying a small annual lease fee.

A person may life-lease a house and pay a small annual lease fee.

A person may lease or rent a one or two-bedroom apartment and pay a monthly fee.

A person may lease or rent an efficiency apartment either in Van Dyck Guest House or in the Baird Addition of Wharton Home.

A person may enter Wharton Nursing Home and receive skilled nursing care.

Bread For The World

This is the theme of the 9th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference to be held at Pilgrim Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Glenwood at Third, Chattanooga, Tenn. Registration begins at 9 A.M. Saturday, June 7.

Chaplain Bob Tripp of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida will serve as Chaplain of the Conference. Beginning at 10 A.M., he will lead delegates and visitors in fellowship and worship. His services will center on "Discovery" of the Bread of and for the World.

Dr. Wilson Q. Welch will lead the "Constituting Prayer" and the Annual Meeting will be called to order by Moderator Wallace Boothby.

Dr. David Stowe of the United Church Board for World Ministries will speak Saturday morning on "This Is Our Mission."

The business session will take place Saturday afternoon, followed by conversation groups discussing the General Synod issues.

Lunch on Saturday will be meatless to emphasize the world hunger crisis. The Saturday evening meal will be in the Notre Dame High School with Franklin Thomas, Vice-Moderator, presiding. Mrs. Beulah White from First Congregational Church and Mrs. Phemie Young of Pilgrim Church will recount "Our Chattanooga



(L to R): David Beebe, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga; Wallace Boothby, moderator of Southeast Conference; and Henry Williams, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, prepare for Southeast Conference annual meeting.

Church Heritage." Dean Warren Blankenhorn of "Ole Thermometer U" will have some degrees to award!

Saturday night, the Conference will celebrate with the 17-76 Achievement Fund Committee the success of the Campaign and rejoice with the Outreach Commission in the giving to OCWM (Our Christian World Mission) by the churches.

The Annual Meeting concludes with "Discovery" by Chaplain Tripp at 9 A.M. on Sunday, June 8, a business session, and Worship led by the two pastors in Chattanooga, David L. Beebe and Henry Williams, and Dr. Stowe.

Through the courtesy of Abingdon Press, Steve Gray and the Brookmead congregation will have books and other supplies for sale so that ministers and churches may enrich their libraries and offices.

The picture below shows W. J. Andes, Steve Gray, Hank Tuttle, Bill Scott, Al McLain, and George Fidler making plans for presenting "Evangelism" at the annual meeting.



Lost From Santa's Mailsack

On December 13, 1974, the ministers and wives of The East Alabama Association along with special guests, the ministers and wives of Central Association and South Alabama-N. W. Florida Association, were entertained with the annual Christmas dinner.

Christmas carols were led by Rev. Harold Auler, with Mrs. David Naglee at the piano. John Auler and his group, "His Own" entertained with musical selections.

Santa, played by Rev. David Naglee, entertained the group with letters sent from some to the ministers.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE THROWN AT BROOKMEAD

Over 50 folks attended the "Neighborhood Barbecue" given by the Brookmead Church (Nashville) for people living in the neighborhood of the Church. The weather was perfect. The meal was delicious, the fellowship was wonderful!

Congratulations to J. C. Dollar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dollar of Lanett Ala., who graduated on May 10, from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Catawba College Choir sang recently in several of our churches and the young people were all well received: Pleasant Hill, Robbins, Knoxville, Atlanta, Central. They also sang for residents of the Nursing Home at Uplands. Catawba College is a UCC-related college of liberal arts located in Salisbury, N. C. The tour included visits to several communities which do not often have opportunity to hear such choirs, and was made possible by a special grant from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

CAMP GLISSON

CO-Sponsors: Ga. Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and Ga.-S.C. Assoc., United Church of Christ.

Dates: August 3-9, 1975

Camp Description:

Pioneer Camp - Campers who will enter 4th, 5th, & 6th Grades in the Fall, 1975.

Explorer Camp - Campers who will enter Grades 7, 8, and 9 in the Fall, 1975.

Place: Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, Georgia. **Cost:** \$46.50 (\$5.00 in advance-Registration Fee plus \$41.50 on arrival at Camp). Additional campers in the same family, \$41.50 each (\$5.00 in advance). **Early Registration** - is necessary. All applications must be made (postmarked) by July 21, 1975. Acceptance on firstcome, first served basis.

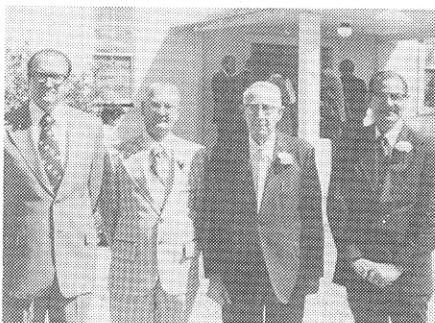
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Send Camp Application, with \$5.00 registration fee, payable to Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

SEAMAN CHURCH MEMORIAL DAY

The Seaman Church celebrated its first annual Memorial Day, April 6. Histories of the Congregational Church in America and of the Seaman (Alabama) Church were read. Special Music was given by Mr. and Mrs. Willie McGill of Lanett. Rev. Warren Blankenhorn gave the sermon.

After a bountiful lunch was served on the grounds, special music was presented in the afternoon, when several singing groups performed. Distinguished guests were: Rev. A. C. Nelson, founding pastor; Rev. Andrew Nelson, former pastor; Rev. Graham Norris, pastor of Mountain Creek Union Church.



(L to R): Revs.: Graham Norris, Andrew Nelson, A. C. Nelson, and Leonard Smith, present pastor.

Pleasant Grove Memorial Day

Pleasant Grove Congregational Christian Church held Memorial Day services May 4, at the church.

The program, given by the Youth of the church, was entitled "Jesus, the Light of the World." The children's choir sang also.

The message of the day was given by Rev. Ralph Worley, following which the children placed flowers on the graves. Lunch and fellowship were enjoyed.

—Martha Davis, LaFayette, Ala.

SEC Women Serve On Board For World Ministries

Mrs. Edward M. (Freda) Brown, of Central Church, Atlanta, has become a corporate member of the Board for World Ministries.

Mrs. Jackie Shrago of the Brookmead Church in Nashville resigned as a corporate member "due to commitments to various portions of the church beyond her capacity to serve."

Thanks to these ladies for serving on the United Church Board for World Ministries, to represent Southeast Conference.

MINISTERS AND WIVES ENJOY CONVOCATION AT CAMP SUMATANGA



In the above picture, we see Steve Gray and his wife, Lennie, who directed the retreat, along with Al Krass, from the Board for World Ministries, who presented a Bible study.



In this picture, we see Roland Kampmeier and his wife Sallie. Roland presented the "World Hunger" study, with suggestions on what could be done. About 40 ministers and wives enjoyed the three days at the beautiful conference center in the mountains of Northern Alabama.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

Ala.—N.W. Fla., at Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, June 14. Theme: "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" Registration: 9:00 A.M. C.D.T. Guest Speaker: Mrs. Trudi Sanford, of Central Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Time to browse over new Laity Materials. Enjoy a "Singing School" with Willie McGill and Lois Harry, as they present "Early American Singing." "Highlights of the recent visit to Honduras" by Mrs. Harold Auler. Time for fellowship and worship, as we have Holy Communion.

General Synod Faces Issues

In 1637, the first church Synod in America was called by the Congregationalists of New England to "consider the abounding errors and evils of the times and to suggest a remedy."

Proposals for dealing with contemporary errors and evils will be on the agenda when their heirs, delegates to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meet in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 27 through July 1.

Twenty-five Puritan pastors represented all the churches in New England at that first Synod in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Close to 2,000 clergy and laity from 49 states and Puerto Rico will attend the 1975 meeting, 749 of them being voting delegates.

Some of the "errors" and "evils" on the agenda of the Synod of 1975 will be the world food crisis, destruction of the environment, inequities in the civil and military justice systems, discrimination against Gay and bi-sexual persons, racial oppression in Southern Africa, economic injustice at home and abroad.

The General Synod will also be concerned about the basic health of the church itself, says the Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss, President of the United Church of Christ. "Two of the fundamental issues with which we will be dealing are the continuing search for faith and the vitality of the local church."

The first Synod was called to consider questions of belief which were creating widespread dissension among the people who had fled England for religious liberty only 17 years before. The "Antinomian heresy" and the preaching of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson bitterly divided friends and relatives.

The United Church General Synod will also be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the first communion celebrated in America by German immigrants at Falkner Swamp, near Gilbertsville, Penna. Those Reformed Church pioneers made up another of the historic predecessor bodies of the United Church, Dr. Moss explained.

Another occasion for celebration at the biennial meeting, Dr. Moss expects, will be the report of the United Church's 17-76 campaign designed to raise funds to support the denomination's colleges for Black students in the U.S. and its educational work for other races overseas. "While we inaugurate the denomination's celebration of the American Bicentennial, our main interest in history will be to use it as a resource for facing current issues," Dr. Moss said.

CHURCHES CONSIDER WORLD HUNGER

On April 17, about 30 persons met at Central Church, Atlanta, after some fasted or semi-fasted that day. Supper consisted of rice and tea. All, fasting in response to the hunger crisis in the world, contributed what they had saved by not eating, an amount of \$93, to the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP). As a follow-up to their first "Food Day," the participants, led by a joint committee of the OCMW and Social Action Committees, plan another in June.

A rally on World Hunger was planned for April 21, at Shawmut Community Center, near Langdale, Alabama. One of the principal speakers was Rev. James Cogswell, Director of the Task Force on World Hunger, Presbyterian Church, US, and member of the Board of Directors of "Bread for the World Hunger" in Rome. This was sponsored by the Valley Ministers' Association.

'Religion and Health' Course Offered At LaGrange College

"If you ever get close to God, it's when you're sick and about to die," a nursing instructor recently told a group of students whose business it will be to help people through the troubling times of sickness and hospitalization.

The Religion Department of LaGrange College is offering a new course called "Religion and Health," taught by Dr. C. F. McCook, through the chaplaincy program of the City-County Hospital.

The two-hour course offers future ministers an opportunity for hospital counseling unique on the undergraduate level. Once a week lectures are given by Dr. McCook on such subjects as empathy, grief, death, guilt, and spiritual resources. In addition to the class sessions, the students spend two hours a week in clinical experience under the supervision of a hospital chaplain.

Among the students during the past quarter was Wayne Moseley, pastor of Lowell Church in Roanoke, Ala.

The course is offered in three Phases: healing, major illnesses, and the role of the clergy; clergy, community and the healing process. Seldom is this offered outside of Seminary.

UCC Accepts Responsibility For Refugee Families

The United Church of Christ will accept responsibility for at least 500 IndoChinese refugee families, according to Rev. Alfred C. Bartholomew, head of the Service Division of the United Church Board for World Ministries. He feels confident that local churches throughout the United States would agree to sponsor evacuee families "regardless of faith, race or political persuasion."

Sponsorship of a family includes providing "tender loving care, a place to live, and a job for the breadwinner."

One office was opened at Camp Pendleton in California, one at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas, and perhaps one will be established at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida if evacuees are sent there. The resettlement of 2,000 family units will be undertaken by Protestant and Orthodox churches cooperating in Church World Service.

As soon as sponsoring congregations are found, the task will be to identify members of the family, make sure they are together and ready for resettlement, and prepare full "case histories" including their job and language skills. So many escaped with just their clothes on their backs, it is now more than ever they need Christian compassion and help.

Churches Get Older

In the Southeast Conference, the following churches will have a quarter-century anniversary in 1976:

Richland, First — 75th
Nashville, Fisk Union — 100th
Baxley, Friendship — 100th

Will the anniversary not only witness to the church's past, but also provide steps toward stronger, more imaginative Christian service in the future?

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"Hard Times Aren't Comin'—They're Here!

Biloxi, Mississippi, a famed Gulf Coast resort community, is also a center of the Gulf Coast shrimp industry. Recent Congressional hearings revealed that shrimp fishermen in this area are facing a 100 percent increase in cost of operations and at the same time are suffering a 33 one-third percent decrease in the wholesale price paid for shrimp. This isn't the first time that Gulf Coast shrimpers have suffered. Biloxi's Back Bay has always had more than its share of the poor.

The Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the South Central Conference, of the United Church of Christ, is supported by the Conference, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and a number of local congregations and individuals. Its staff responds to many kinds of human need.

— A 43-year-old disabled woman was denied Supplemental Security Income for the Disabled. While she was deemed not sick enough to receive this assistance she was too ill to survive. She died while Back Bay Mission Staff were helping to appeal the decision.

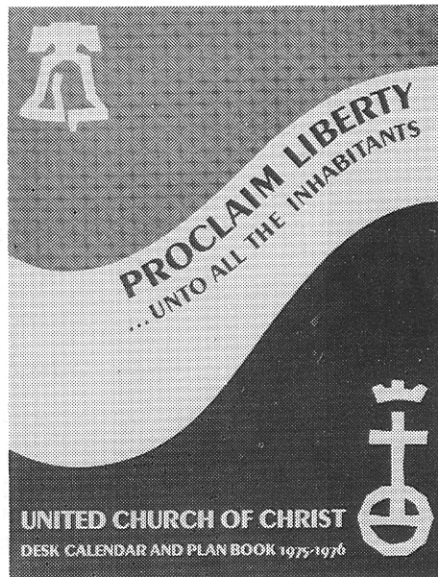
— A family of eight lived in an inherited shack for three and a half months without gas or water—three children, three infant grandchildren, a disabled father, and a working mother. Back Bay Mission staff paid to have the utilities turned on and then obtained for the family the disability and welfare assistance to which they were entitled.

—A 70-year-old man who "retired" at 68 with heart trouble, high blood pressure, a nervous condition, and diabetes had gone alternately without food or medicine because he couldn't make ends meet on his welfare check of \$169.50 per month. Back Bay Mission staff helped him stretch his dollars by obtaining medical care nearby at a more reasonable cost.

Located on the Back Bay, behind the glitter and neon of Biloxi's plush resorts, the Mission provides or has helped to initiate, a variety of important programs: Head Start, Planned Parenthood, day-care centers, family counseling, a thrift shop, community organizations centered around the needs of people, and emergency assistance (often multiplied by food stamps) to families and individuals. Biloxi's poor, many of whom are related to the shrimp industry know hard times right now, and our mission is there to help them.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . .

A Bicentennial Desk Calendar?



Yes. The next issue of the United Church of Christ Desk Calendar and Plan Book (1975-1976) is truly a Bicentennial reminder, from its red-white-blue cover to the recurring theme of Liberty.

The major feature of this Desk Calendar that relates it to the growth of our nation is a series of twelve vignettes. These paragraphs, each appearing on a different monthly page with appropriate art, highlight both well-known and little-known aspects of our history as a church and the contribution of the United Church of Christ and its forerunners to the establishment and development of our nation with an emphasis on liberty.

One of these stories, for example, tells how the Liberty Bell was hidden for a winter under the floor of Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pa. Another tells how Old South Church in Boston served as a rallying point for the Boston Tea Party.

As usual, the Desk Calendar lists resources for use in the church, as well as offering a wide variety of suggestions for helping local churches to be about their work. The calendar pages list all special days, appropriate lectionary reading, and liturgical colors. Directories list all U. C.

STATEMENT ON THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR

(By Dr. Robert V. Moss, president of the United Church of Christ)

Let us be thankful that at long last the war has ended in Indo-China and that the people of Vietnam and Cambodia can now determine their own future. It may not be the future that this nation wanted for them. And it may not be the future that many in those nations wanted for themselves. But it is likely to be the peaceful future of a developing nation, certainly far better than anything they have known for the last thirty years.

I would agree that this is not a time for recrimination, but it is a time to begin sober assessment. Fortunately the end of the Vietnam War has come at the beginning of our observance of the American bicentennial. We can begin to re-define our role in the world in the light of the best of our traditions and the worst of our experience.

Despite what happened to the Paris Accords, we in this nation clearly have responsibility to aid in reconstruction and reconciliation in Indo-China. We shall have to do this through international bodies with the understanding that the people of Indo-China will determine how reconstruction and reconciliation will take place. Perhaps in this way we can show that we honor those of our national commitments that are truly moral.

C. conference and national offices.

A feature returning to this issue of the Desk Calendar is the inclusion of a map of the regions and conferences in the United Church of Christ. This will be especially helpful because of the realignment of several conferences in the Western Region.

As a service to churches, the Stewardship Council sends a complimentary copy to each church for its pastor, and additional free copies to all associate and assistant pastors and directors of Christian education.

Additional copies for church leaders and others interested can be purchased from the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Phila., Pa. 19102 at \$2.00 each. Orders should be sent in early to avoid being disappointed by a "Sorry, sold out!" note.